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Applicants : R. Kucherlapati et al.  
Application No. : 08/923,138 Confirmation No.: 2306  
Filed : September 4, 1997  
For : GENERATION OF XENOGENEIC ANTIBODIES

New York, New York  
June 20, 2001

Hon. Commissioner  
for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)  
FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the Examiner's Action dated December 20, 2000. With the extension, a response is due on or before June 20, 2001. A check in the amount of \$890.00 in payment of the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3), is enclosed herewith.

The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or to credit overpayment of same, to

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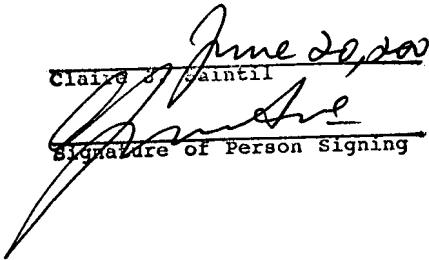
Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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